# SERBS SAY AUSTRIANS NOW HOLD ONLY TWO SERVIAN TOWNS

in Belgium. Several German trenches and a number of prisoners were captured, and substantial progress was made."

[Wytscheele is five miles south of Ypres, Belgium, while Hollebeke lies about three miles northeast of Wytschaete. Consequently the line referred to in the foregoing despatch is about

PARIS, Dec. 15 [Associated Press].—The Prench War Office gave out ficial announcement in Paris this afternoon as follows:

"Between the sea and the Lys the English have occupied a forest to the west of Wytschaete. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Ypres Canal and to the west of Hollebeke has been retained in spite of a vigorous counter-attack on the part

"From the Beigian frontier to the Somme there is nothing to report. From the Somme to the Argonne there has been intermitsenading. Excepting in the region of Crouy this artillery fighting has not been spirited. In the Argonne we have made some progress and retained the advances made by us on preceding days. "In the Voeges the railroad station of St. Leonard, to the south of St. Die, has been violently bombarded by the Germans from a

considerable distance. "In Alsace there has been much activity on the part of the enemy's artillery, with the exception of before Steinbach, where an attack by German infantrymen, coming from Uffholtz, was succonstal in gaining a foothold. We have everywhere retained the positions wen previously by us."

### Submarine B-11 Passed Ten Forts In Her Dive Under Turkish Mines

ATHEMS, Dec. 15 (United Press).-A semi-official message from edos, Asia Minor, confirms the report of the sinking of the Turkish battleship Messudiyeh by the British submarine H-11 and deres the attack took place opposite the Nagara-Bouron defenses on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles.

The sinking of the Messudiyeh at this point means that, in addition speaking said it was only proper to being forced to dive under five rows of mines, the B-11 passed ten that the business men of this counto to order to reach the Turkish warship.

In making its escape the submarine was under fire from those forts as well as the fire from destroyers which went in pursuit.

Victory, Says Night At-

tacks Were Repulsed.

"The German column which had

advanced from Soldau, East Prus-

sia, by way of Miawa, in the di-

rection of Clechanow has had to

reoccupy its old positions owing

to the numerical superiority of

of material importance has hap-

pened. Unfavorable weather is

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 13

he German attacks along the East

German engineers to blow up all roads

and mountain passes leading from

CYCLE CHAMPIONS

KILLED IN BATTLES

DUNKIRK, France, Dec. 15 .- Gabr

FIGHTING FOR ALLIES.

influencing our operations."

Elsewhere in Poland nothing

the enemy.

## MEN IN TRENCHES BERLIN ADMITS **LISTEN TO CONCERTS** GERMAN RETREAT EIGHT MILES AWAY

Novelties of the War Shown Petrograd, in Reporting the by Col. Swinton in Latest Eye-Witness Story.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- British soldlers are now giving a great deal of time ard making their trenches comrtable for the winter, and by the atrike at Warsaw from the north was ald of field telephones the men in the creat trenches are able to listen to

A report from Col. Swinton, the British eye-witness as the front, stated Dec. 10 and issued by the War Hureau to-day, tells of this phase of life in the trenches.

"Much time has been spent recently draining, heating and generally improving conditions in the trenches in preparation for the winter campaign," A. Swinton states. "An instance of the up-to-dateness of the men is wn by the fact that in some of the phone to gramophone concerts eight

Continuing, Col. Swinton said the mans wood rife groundes in makataoks for the first time on Dec. T. "But our artillery quickly stopped

winds our aviators have made de reconnaissances."

## CANADIAN SHIP **ON WAR SERVICE IS BLOWN UP BY MINE**

Sharon, Carrying a Crew of Thirty Men, Lost in the Atlantic.

MONTREAL Dec. 15 .- Admission was made by Government officials toer Sharon has been lost somewhere in the Atlantic, probably with

all on board. It is believed she struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland.

The Sharon had been used up to the break of the war as a supply ship. stying provisions and equipment The Army Messenger states that the Austrian army in Galicia expects that the Bay, for use in connection with the a division of Turkish troops will be sent to its assistance. nork on the Hudson Bay terminal. Body in August she was chartered for other work.

More than six weeks ago she left ey for Newport, Wales, bearing soul cargo, She is now more than a is overdue. No word has been mand from her since a brief wireless age was sent from off Newfound-

boat and cost \$150,000.

Poulain, who won the world's profes-tional bicycle sprint championahip in 905, and O. Lapize, an Olympic games champion and widely known profes-sional rider, have been killed in action. Among those reported captured by the Germans are Trousellier, a famous road rider; Brocco, a six-day recor; Berthet, a former heider of the world's one-hour rooms, and Hourier, less you's agrint d a crew of 80 men. She was a

## ALL U. S. ARMY CAN SIT IN YALE BOWL, ASSERTS STIMSON

Former War Secretary Says 36-Hour Battle Would Exhaust U. S. Shells.

WOOD URGES RESERVE.

Military Experts and Mayor Mitchel Talk at Merchants' Peace Luncheon.

Major Gen. Leonard Wood, former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Mayor John Purroy Mitchel were the principal speakers at the Merchants' Association Peacy Insurance Luncheon before 1,500 members and guests to-day at the Hotel Astor.

William C. Breed, Chairman of the Members' Council, in opening the try, having before them the impressive lessons of the European War, should become acquainted in a bustness-like way with the policies of our Government in meeting problems of defense and , with the actual strength of our defenses.

Secretary Stimson advocated the adoption of the Swiss system of milltary training combined with the public schools, as urged by The Evening World, as affording a means for attaining President Wilson's ideal of an army of citizens trained in arms. He "Our new Springfield to the best

small arm in the hands of any army. Our 3-inch field gun is as good as the best, but in the winter of 1912-1913, I laid before the Military Committee of the House of Representatives facts showing that at that time the total number of field guns in our possession -in the hands of the regulars, in the hands of the militia, in our storehouses, everywhere- was but 700, BERLIN (via London) Dec. 15 about one-half of the number neces-Associated Press |.-- A retreat of the sary to equip an army of \$00,000 men, German forces which attempted to and that the total amount of field artillery ammunition which we posacknowledged in an official communisessed would serve those guns, at the cation given out to-day at army rate with which field guns used up headquarters. The statement follows: ammunition in the battle of Mukden,

> just one-half of one day. "Since that date the situation has been somewhat improved by increased appropriations. I am informed we have now \$60 guns and ammunition to serve them about one and one-

"It seems to me it would require a very disordered imagination to spell 'militarism' out of the modest suggestions of our military advisers. It (Associated Press).—German frontal instrument of oppression in Mr. Garattacks on the Russian line to the rison's proposed addition of 25,000 men west of Warsaw under cover of night to our regulars, a number but twice without artificial support, although were successfully repulsed by the the size of New York's police force. constantly down from the top.

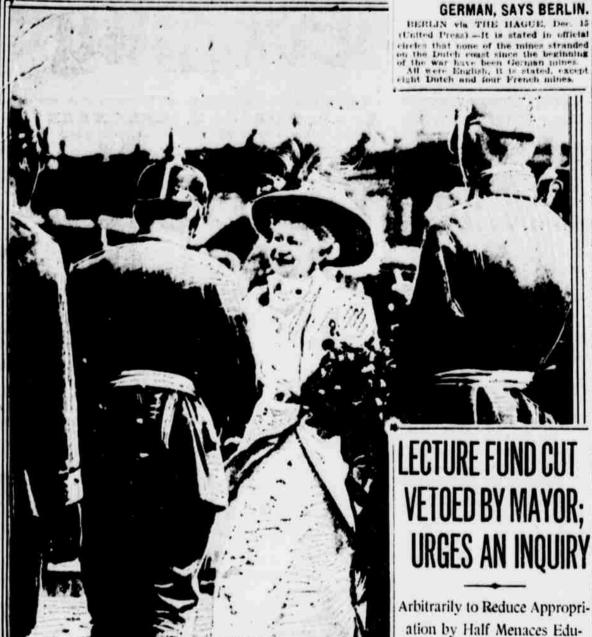
"German attacks were answered by our Anglo-Saxon race it is not the football field. Mass plays were made is further true that we had 140,000 to give to this question, and without Russian counter-attacks, in which it soldier who has made the wars; on around the posts of leading specu-tons of provisions quickly assembled careful investigation of just to what is said that several hundred prisoners and one field battery were captured by the Russians. During the made the war, and the soldier who to make their trades. last three days of fighting eight ma- has made the peace. There is no United States Steel common was the to the island in case of trouble. chine guns, two batteries of field danger of 'militarism' in a country centre of greatest activity. Two hun- "I believe that war with Japa guns and 4,000 prisoners have been where by law and by tradition the dred b. hers swarmed around post avoided," he said, "only because of the public lecture system and a soldier is kept so rigidly subordinat- No. 1, where Steel is located, and for Japan's hope that we were soon go-careful analysis of its benefits, and

lermans, there has been little heavy own." fighting in Poland during the last wenty-four hours. "In war, one of the most difficult limit of their lung capacity. According to the Army Messenger

past. These gentlemen who turn to the nibele at and fendly lock up.
the ninety or one hundred millions of The tide of this battle of prices Russian position at Kepri Kel.

The Army Messenger states that the he his fleet if you Austrian army in Galicia expects that years to build it. and say. Here is my fleet. It would scores be his fleet if you gave him twenty. The

KAISERIN GIVING OUT IRON CROSSES MINES THAT FLOATED TO DUTCH COAST NOT



DINT NEWS SERVICE

time to discuss militarism, but

most opportune,
"We need a thoroughly manned and "We need a thoroughly manned and engineered navy first of all." he said. The Mayor then directed attention to New York's geographical location relative to the navy. He pointed out that the Sound, with its reefs, was a glaring fault. He enumerated how Congress had failed to pass the necessary bill to remove the obstacles and he implored the merchants to get together to push through ants to get together to push through another such bill this year.

### STOCKS DROP FOUR POINTS; BEARS BEAT DOWN MANY PRICES

Russians, according to trustworthy Even when so increased the whole With all stocks thrown on the floor information reaching Petrograd mobile army of the forty-eight United of the Stock Exchange this morning in May, 1913, Hobson to-day said: from the front to-day. At many States could be seated in the Yale and trading restricted only by a fixed points along the front the Russians
Bowl at New Haven and still leave
succeeded in capturing isolated German positions.

Bowl at New Haven and still leave
minimum price, there ensued a day of
pecting a Japanese attack, slept by
their guns when the California Land
present year. Without more consid-"Remember that in the history of opening the Exchange resembled a Law troubles were at their height. It eration than your board has been able the contrary it is the merchant, the lative stocks and crowds of brokers there." capitalist, the politician who have tore at each other in furious struggle He added that preparations were public funds and should, therefore, be

> ed to the civil authority as in our the first five minutes they swayed ing to give up the islands and they suggestions for its revision, if back and forth .. solid mass, bears would obtain possession of them in Major General Leonard Wood, who clawing at bulls, sellers struggling to some way." followed Mr. Stimson, said in part: | reach buyers and all shouting at the

of all games, the American people as- Nearby were the posts of Union Pa- YEAR'S FARM CROPS Prussian front, which were conducted simultaneously with their offensive in Poland, failed on account of farmidable fortifications which the Russians constructed in fields and forests, paralleling the German lines.

The correspondent of the Bourse Gazette in Tiflis states that Gen. Sanders Pasha, the German military officer in command of Turkish troops, on arriving at Erzerum ordered the German engineers to blow up all roads

of all games, the American people assume a constant state of preparedness which is not in any way justified by the facts. Those fake humanitarians which is not in any way justified by the facts. Those fake humanitarians which is not in any way justified by the facts. Those fake humanitarians which is not in any way justified by the facts. Those fake humanitarians which is not in any way justified by the facts. Those fake humanitarians which is not in any way justified by the facts. Those fake humanitarians duging in frantic vocal and gymnastic exercises. All around the floor the opposing factions of bulls and bears were tearing at each other new to armics in Flanders.

This was no market for the innocent iamp or the intimo or the interpolate in the professionals were in the saddle and the professionals were in the saddle and the professionals were in the saddle and the professionals were in the capture of all countries in the professionals were in the professional professional

American people and say. 'Here is my army,' are just as intelligent and no more so than a man, standing on a Russian movement against Erzerum. It is eighteen miles east of that city and twelve miles west of the main Russian position at Kepri Kel.

The tide of this battle of prices wung back and forward several times during the day. At the beginning the buying bulls, clated with their success of yesterday, made another dash iron under his feet and timber all around him, who would turn and any bushed quotations up all along around him, who would turn and say. 'Here is my feet.' It would support the line of this battle of prices wung back and forward several times during the day. At the beginning the buying bulls, clated with their success of yesterday, made another dash and pushed quotations up all along the line. They did not stop at fractions, but added full points to many the value of each crop follows: The stocks that were the favorites

be his fleet if you gave him twenty years to build it.

"To avoid militarism and yet be efficient from a military standpoint we must have a thoroughly efficient we must have a thoroughly efficient army, sufficient for the police work of the day. By that I mean garrisons for the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands, the keys of the Pacific, and means for securely holding the Panama Canal, and also troops for use in the United States from time to time. We should have beind that a well organized reserve.

"It is a financial disadvantage, under the present law, for a man to join the reserve. Consequently we have no reserve."

Gen. Wood made a pica that the two weeks militiannen have to spend annually in camp be not held to their discovantage in employment.

Some that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States (Great Northern Preferred. New York to be such as United States that were thrown open for trading to day, such as United States (Great Northern Preferred. New York to be such as United States (Great Northern Preferred. New York to be such as United States (Great Northern Preferred. New York to be such as United States (Great Northern Preferred. New York to be such as United Stat

HOBSON NAMES JAPAN AS NATION WITH WHICH U. S. WAS NEAR WAR!

Conflict Averted Because We sential in a sound educational sys-Were Ready to Give Up Philippines.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 15. - War the benefit of the people of the city. th Japan in May last year was When the Chairman of your Finance would only because Japan believed Committee, prior to action by your the United States was prepared soon Board, discussed with me a reducto give up the Philippine Islands, tion in this appropriation, I was o day. Explaining his statement of out injury to the educational work yesterday before the Naval Committee that the United States was preparing for a two year siege of guments presented have led me to Corregidor Island in the Philippines change my opinion.

"It is true that our gunners, ex-

made to move the Philippine capital dispensed with, I regard it as justifiable to make so redical a re-duction as you have voted. "I would welcome a thorough review

"I believe that war with Japan was

# WORTH \$4,945,852,000 PROTEST AT SOCIETY

Agriculture Department Reports 300,782,000 Acres Cultivated-Decrease in Value.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-Farmers of the United States produced crops 300,782,000 acres cultivated, as com-

Corn. \$1,702,599,000; winter wheat, \$675,623,000; spring wheat, \$203,067,-000; all wheat, \$578,680,000; oats, \$409. 481,000; barley, \$105,908,000; rye, \$37,-018,000; buckwheat, \$12,892,000; flax-seed, \$19,540,000; rice, \$21,869,000; po-tatoes, \$198,609,000; sweet potatoes, \$41,294,000; hay \$772,688,000; tobacco, \$101,411,000; cotton, \$519,612,000; augar beets, \$27,950,000.

Three-year-old Ella Loskewitz, left alone by her mother in a flat on the second floor of the tenement at No. 804 liedford Avenue, Williamsburg, to-day, sot too near the kitchen stove and set her clothing on fire. Her screams were heard by Joseph Goldburg, a neighbor, who picked up the child and ran with her to a grug store at No. 516 Park the orders of their superiors, it is declared. When all the ring leading and one out of every ten coldiers were then

ZERO WEATHER GERMAN, SAYS BERLIN. BERLIN via THE HAGUE, Dec. 15 (United Press) -It is stated in official IN BREAD LINE

> of Poor-Storm City Lodging House.

SHIPPING IN DANGER.

Weather Forecaster Sees No Relief in Sight-Recreation Pier Crowded.

wave, the worst of the season, gripped snow is reported in many places. New York to-day and threatened to Three families, roused by policeincrease in intensity before night men, took their clothes in their hands In twenty-four hours the temperature 954 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklys. fell thirty-five degrees, and the early to-day, while Meyer Fox's taller dict how much lower than 12 degrees story building, was burning. -the mark at 7 A. M .- the mercury | The fire was discovered by Policewithin the next forty-eight hours, and station. Other policemen aided him the official forecast is "fair and cold from the third floor and that of Mrs. te-day and to-morrow."

The effect of the cold was immediately felt by the Municipal Lodging House and the charitable organizations. The lodging house was niled her bed and carried her out. to capacity and the overflow was sent to the recreation pier at East Twenty-fourth Street. Before morning more than 1,500 had applied, among them thirty-seven women and twelve children. One thousand were accommodated in the lodging house and 500 on the pier, where several big stoves were kept going and heavy blankets were furnished the applicants.

cational Work, He Says.

Mayor Mitchel this afternoon vetoed

in cutting the annual appropriation

for free public school lectures, es-

"Arbitrarily to cut in half the pro-

relation between the people of the

city and their schools, which are es-

The Mayor's message on the fre

"I return disapproved the reduc-

tions relating to the public lectures

given by the Board of Education for

tion in this appropriation, I was of

"You have practically cut in half

the allowance of \$148,040 for this pur-

be found necessary.

on the Mayor's veto this afternoon. It would require a two-thrids vote to

over-ride his action. It is understood the aldermen will not attempt to do

WOMEN AS NURSES IN

**ENGLISH WAR HOSPITALS** 

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- As a result of a

protest from the National Council of

women are serving at the front and

in hospitals, Lord Kitchner, the War

Secretary, has called on the Council

The press some time ago directed public attention to the fact that many easer' young women, either was 'by or socially prominent, were clamoring

for positions as nurses.

While the motives of the young women are to be commended, it has

been said that meagre training has hardly been beneficial to the wounded.

SLAIN FOR REFUSING

Frequent revolts and the execution of

ing to fight against the Russians and

Bohemian and Moravian soldiers refus-

TO FIGHT RUSSIANS.

SOLDIERS REPORTED

for a detailed report.

Trained Nurses that Incompetent

lecture reduction follows:

World, from \$148,000 to \$74,000,

he action of the Board of Aldermen The Howery Mission, at No. 27, accommodated 1,200 who were in the bread line, and the Fleischmann line tablished through The Evening contained 400; there were 75 at the Holy Name Mission, at No. 319 How. ery; 480 at the Salvation Army flotel vision for this education-a work now 75 at the Salvation Army Women's of twenty-five years' standing." Shelter, at No. 243 Bowery, and 150 writes the Mayor, "will be hostile to the building up of a wider use of our at the Salvation Army Dry Dock Hotel, No. 118 Avenue D. great educational plant and a closer

In the Salvation Army refuges both food and lodging were furnished the unfortunates.

William A. Whiting, Superintendent been attacked by seroplanes.

of the Municipal Lodging House, sale one reason there was such a rush was the suddenness of the cold. Sunday hight the temperature was 52 degrees NEAR: THOUSANDS and at the corresponding hour led the lodging house has been about

Many ships were reported batthing for life and harbor off the Atlantic coast, and vessels were reported ashore at several points. Hundreds of persons along the Atlantic City Bitter Winds Add to Suffering waterfront saw the fishing emack leabella L. with a crew of five, go aground. The men refused to leave when coast guards offered them help, and this morning they were still hoping to get the boat off.

At Tuckerneck Shoal, near Vineyard Haven, Mass., the six-masted schooler days, is being pounded to pieces, but her crew is still sticking to her.

The 12 degrees of early morning was four degrees colder than the previous coldest day of the season, Nov. 24. There was an additional bite in a stiff westerly wind. Up-State a white Christmas seems

to be assured, even should there be a A sudden and penetrating cold big thaw. From one to two feet of and fled from the upper floors of No.

weather man was unwilling to pre- shop, on the ground floor of the fourwould go. Zero weather may come, man Albert Bruder of the Greenpoint it will be perfectly safe to get out Patrick Faulkner was gotten from your skates and have them ready, for the second floor, that of James Gurley J. Lynch from the fourth. It was then discovered that six-year-old Anna Faulkner had been left behind. Po-

> PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 .- The first real cold weather of the winter brought zero temperature to-day in the mountain districts of Pennsylvania. At Harrisburg the official record was four'degrees above zero and in the mountain regions the temperature fell to four below. In Philadelphia the Weather Bureau reported a minimum of 13 degrees above zero and about the same temperature was reported in New Jersey and Delaware

liceman Cosgrove found the child

### FRENCH AVIATORS MAKE FOURTH RAID TO CITY OF FREIBURG.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15 (United Press) French aviators again flew over Freiburg, Baden, dropping bombs upon

O RE OF OUR MANY BRILLIANT HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTIONS: It is indeed difficult to single out any one
article in our mammoth Holiday Stocks to talk about,
but we feel that this offering deserves special mention
at this stage of the holiday season. Here is a collection
of candy lewels, known to the millions of Loft candy
lovers as AMERICAN BEAUTY FILED CONFECTIONS,
Vienna style. They are made as attractive to the eye as they
are pleasing to the palate, and come in a splendid variety of
styles and forms. Each glossy gem holds either a fuscious fruit
july in handsomely lacquered containers and will
make a most acceptable gift to either lady or gentleman.

Special for Tuesday CHYSTALLIZED FIGOLETS A delicious lells mudg from choice Crushed Plas confectionized in the most delightful manner and presented in crystallized form. 10C

Special for Wednesday
TUTTI-FRUTTI CREAM KISSES
This is one of Loft's musterful bleedtages of richest Sugar Cream with
various crushed Fruits and Nuts. pretiucing a confection of freesistible charm.
POUND BOX 10C

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O'HARA-OR Dec. 14, KATE O'HARA (nes Hawson), wife of M. J. O'Hara and mother of Mary, George, John. Michael and Edwar O'Hara. Puneral from J. H. Penasso's funeral pariors. 10A Mesceker St. on Thursday at 10 A M. thence to Our Londy of Nos.

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